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SUBJECT: ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AUTOMATED COMMAND AND  
CONTROL INFORMATION SYSTEM (ACE ACCIS) PROPOSED MASTER  
PLAN

REF: SHAPE.3810, 01/21-5/77, 3 AUGUST 1977

1. PLEASE INFORM CHAIRMAN, NCCDPC, THAT WE HAVE  
EXAMINED THE REFERENCE AND ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT  
WITH ITS PRINCIPLES. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW:

A. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 31: REAFFIRM USING  
A STANDARDIZED AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEM AS THE  
BASELINE FOR COMPARISON OF CANDIDATE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT  
THE INTERNATIONALLY FUNDED HEADQUARTERS IN ACE.  
ENDORSE THE USE OF WWMCCS ADP AS A BASELINE AND  
THE PRINCIPLE THAT VARIATIONS FROM THE STANDARD  
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SYSTEM CAN BE JUSTIFIED ON THE BASIS OF OPERATIONAL  
NEED AND CONSIDERATIONS OF COST EFFECTIVENESS.

B. ADDITIONALLY, WE REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN.  
WE VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE EARLY AWARD OF A CONTRACT

FOR REQUIREMENTS VALIDATION, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, SYSTEM ENGINEERING AND PROGRAM PLANNING TO SUPPORT SHAPE IN SELECTING THE TECHNICAL APPROACH AND EXTENDING ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT PLANNING, AND IMPLEMENTATION.

2. IN SUMMARY, OUR POSITION IS THAT WE STAND BEHIND OUR OFFER TO WWMCCS ADP TO ACE FOR THE CENTRAL REGION. HOWEVER, THE SELECTION OF A STANDARD SYSTEM FOR THE ACE-WIDE CCIS MUST BE PERFORMED BY SHAPE USING UNBIASED TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND BASED UPON A CAREFUL EVALUATION OF REQUIREMENTS, AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY AND UNIQUE ACE/NATIONAL SITUATIONS. WWMCCS ADP IS A SYSTEM WITH KNOWN CHARACTERISTICS WHICH SHOULD BE ONE CANDIDATE FOR ACE-WIDE USE AND A GOOD REFERENCE FOR THE COMPARISON OF TECHNICAL AND PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES FOR A PROJECT OF THIS SCOPE.

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